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CUBA: New Fighter Base

The Cuban Air Force apparently plans to base MIG-21 aircraft at the civilian airfield at San Julian, which would become the fourth operational fighter field. The facility has been the site of a civil aviation school for the past several years and has been used to train Nicaraguan pilots to fly small Soviet transport and agricultural aircraft. [REDACTED]

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aircraft. Revetments and shelters for 12 fighters have been constructed since last winter, and the radar warning facility near the base was improved recently. [REDACTED]

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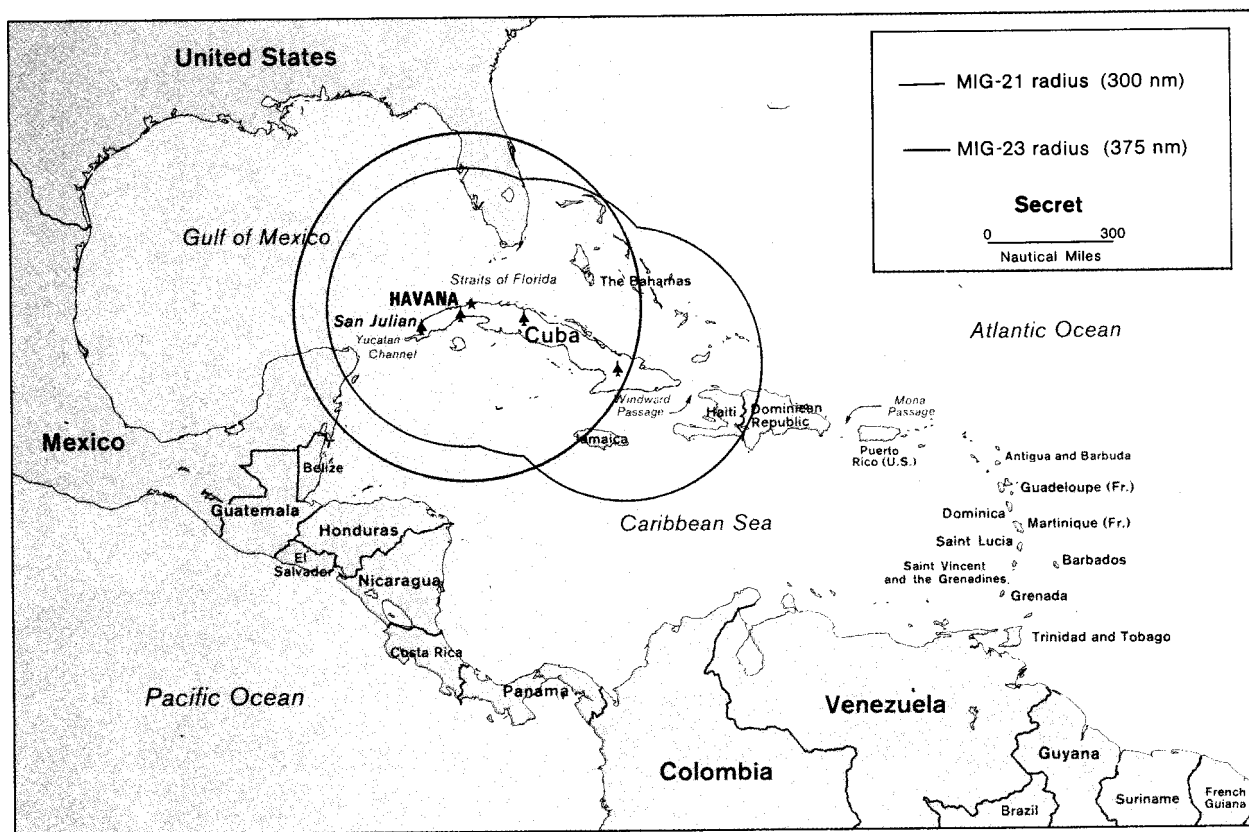
Comment: Cuba has received over 50 late-model MIG-21s and 24 MIG-23s from the USSR over the past year, mainly as replacements for older MIG-17s and MIG-21s. The base also may be used for training Nicaraguan and Cuban pilots on MIG-21s. In the past, both Cuban and Nicaraguan pilots received initial instruction on combat aircraft in the USSR and Eastern Europe. [REDACTED]

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